

## NO JOKER IN RAILROAD BILL

Mr. Townsend Defends His Measure

### HE DECLARES IT OPPOSED

Only by Speculators—It May Prevent Some Wildcat Schemes—No Legitimate Line, He Says, Will Be Crippled.

Washington, Feb. 25.—"The speculators, the men who want to make money out of mere wind and water, are the only people objecting to the provision of the administration bill, making railroad securities of value," said Representative Townsend of Michigan, author of the administration railroad measure, which bears his name, in discussing the charge that there was a "joker" in the bill which would enable the big railroads to float their stocks and bonds and prevent the little ones from doing so.

"If there is a joker there," he continued, "I don't know it, and you will have to convince me of its presence. The proposition narrows itself down finally to this: You either want to regulate railroads or you don't. If you regulate them, the first thing to do is to make the paper they issue represent some tangible value, so that investors may know what they are buying. If you don't regulate them, why let them continue as they have in the past and issue just as many millions of worthless bonds based on hot air and speculation as they think they can sell? If I had money to invest to-day, do you think I would buy railroad paper? I would not. I would be all at sea as to the value of the paper offered by the various roads, and, being in doubt about it, would buy something else.

"Of course, the fellows who have made their living by promoting imaginary roads and by selling watered stock do not like the provisions of my bill, and in order to discredit it and perhaps secure its defeat or amendment, are loudly crying that there is a 'joker' in it.

"The assertion that the paragraph relating to the selling of stocks and bonds will make it possible for only the established corporations to build in new territory is ridiculous. I maintain that not one single legitimate railroad enterprise will be either crippled or hampered by this clause. It may, however, prevent some of the wild-cat, shoe-string railroad schemes from materializing, and we hope it will. It is for that very purpose that the bill is drawn.

"Under the provisions of my bill, every man that buys railroad paper will know that it has been issued under the careful scrutiny of the interstate commerce commission, and the government is, in a measure, its sponsor.

"Every fair-minded, square-dealing railroad man in the country ought to be anxious to see that provision of this bill enacted into law. If anyone can offer a better suggestion than is contained in the bill, for the safeguarding of investors and the protection of reputations of railroads, I would be glad to receive it."

### COST OF LIVING.

Senator Lodge's Committee Holds Its First Meeting.

Washington, Feb. 25.—Senator Lodge's select committee to investigate the high prices of commodities held its first meeting yesterday morning. James Wilson, secretary of agriculture, and Charles P. Neill, commissioner of labor, appeared. The meeting was executive. The committee indicated to the two officers the kind of information desired, and learned from them what materials were available in the departments and what time it would take to get them. Nothing unusual developed at the hearing.

### TAPT PLAYS SAFE.

Welcome But No Encouragement for the Suffragists.

Washington, Feb. 25.—President Taft yesterday promised Mrs. Rachel Foster Avery of Philadelphia, first vice president of the National American Suffrage association.

## A Startling Statement

New York Medical Authorities Claim Dyspepsia to Be a Pre-disposing Cause of Consumption.

The most modern statistics of the big New York hospitals show that some cases of consumption are due, at least indirectly, to undigested dyspepsia, especially when the victim was predisposed to tuberculosis.

Dyspepsia wears out the body and brain. The weakened, irritable stomach being unable to digest food, the body does not receive the required nourishment, and the victim becomes thin, weak and haggard. As a result, the body becomes a fertile field in which the germs of disease may lodge and flourish.

Therefore, the person who permits dyspepsia to progress unhindered is guilty of contributing toward the development of one of the most insidious and fatal diseases known to mankind.

Dyspepsia may be completely eradicated if properly treated. We sell a remedy that we positively guarantee will completely relieve indigestion or dyspepsia, or the medicine used during the trial will cost the user nothing.

This remedy has been named Rexall Dyspepsia Tablets. Certainly no other could be more fair, and our offer should be proof positive that Rexall Dyspepsia Tablets are a dependable remedy.

Inasmuch as the medicine will cost you nothing if it does not benefit you, we urge you who are suffering with indigestion or dyspepsia to try Rexall Dyspepsia Tablets. A 25-cent box contains enough medicine for fifteen days' treatment. For chronic cases, we have two larger sizes, 50 cents and \$1.00. Remember, you can obtain Rexall remedies in Barre only at our store—The Rexall Store, The Red Cross Pharmacy, Burt H. Wells, proprietor.

## Pepticon Pills

STOMACH DISTRESS AND DYSPEPSIA GO

All Misery from Heartburn, Gas and Indigestion Vanishes and Your Stomach Feels Fine Five Minutes Later.

As there is often someone in your family who suffers an attack of indigestion or some form of stomach trouble, why don't you keep some Pepticon in the house handy?

This harmless blessing will digest anything you eat, without the slightest discomfort, and overcome a sour, gassy stomach five minutes after.

Tell your pharmacist to let you read the formula plainly printed on these Pepticon Pills. You will find that you will readily see why it makes indigestion, sour stomach, heartburn and other distress go in few minutes and relieves at once such miseries as belching of gas, eructations of sour undigested food, nausea, headache, dizziness, constipation and other stomach disorders.

Some folks have tried so long to find relief from indigestion and dyspepsia or an out-of-order stomach with the common, every-day cures advertised that they have about made up their minds that they have something else wrong, or believe there is a case of nervousness, gastritis, catarrh of the stomach or cancer.

This, no doubt, is a serious mistake. Your real trouble is what you eat does not digest; instead, it ferments and sours, turns to acid, gas and stomach poison, which putrefies in the digestive tract and intestines, and besides, poisons the breath with noxious odors.

A hearty appetite, with thorough digestion, and without the slightest discomfort or misery of the stomach, is waiting for you as soon as you decide to try Pepticon's Diaperin.

Pepticon, and Miss Emma M. Gillett of this city that he would welcome the 360 or more delegates to the forty-second annual convention of the association, when they come here on April 14. The president it was said, informed his visitors that he did not intend to commit himself on the suffrage question by welcoming the delegates.

### SENATE BAN ON JD DEGREE.

Heyburn Denounces Police Practice and Urges Investigation.

Washington, Feb. 25.—Stirred by the reports in the newspapers over the manner in which the third degree is being applied by the police in various cities, and especially by its use in the Seyler case at Atlantic City, Senator Heyburn yesterday introduced a resolution in the Senate, calling for an investigation into third degree methods by a select committee of three senators, one committee is given full inquisitorial powers.

Senator Heyburn had read extracts from newspapers, telling of the alleged brutality in the efforts of the police to extract a confession from William Seyler, accused of the murder of Jane Adams at Atlantic City.

The senator in a brief address condemned the abuse of the third degree or deal unparagonably. He said no one would object to any reasonable and proper method of obtaining testimony, but only a brutal custom would allow officers to try a prisoner in advance, without benefit of counsel.

"Certainly," said he, "it revolts the senses of every American citizen that the sense of duty should first be tried in secret to obtain weapons to be used against him at his trial."

Senator Heyburn asked that the resolution be referred to the judiciary committee, and that an early report be made. It was so referred.

## CONNERS TO SERVE OUT HIT TERM

To Keep Chairmanship Till April and Then Resign and Aid Fall Campaign.

Albany, Feb. 25.—That William J. Conners will be retained as chairman of the Democratic state committee, at least until the expiration of his two year term in April, is said to have been the final outcome of Conners' negotiations yesterday with Charles F. Murphy, the Tammany leader.

Conners, it is said, has agreed to resign at that time and to lend his support to the fall campaign.

The Tammany side had a personal conference with Conners during which they had a heart-to-heart talk over the situation.

"I don't know what was said," said a prominent Tammany politician, after Conners and Murphy had returned to their respective headquarters, "but I do know that both came out without a scratch."

Conners' proposal to resign was said to have included a proviso that the next Democratic candidate for governor should be permitted to name the state chairman.

Efforts to bring about a compromise delayed the meeting of the state committee until long after 12 o'clock, the hour fixed by the call.

When it was evident that the tide was going against him, Chairman Conners sent Mayor Furham of Buffalo and Stephen Ryan of Norwich as emissaries to Murphy with a proposition that if the Tammany leader would call off his fight at this time, Conners would agree to resign before the next campaign. To this message Murphy is said to have at first returned an emphatic "no."

### THAW'S CREDITORS GET \$30,000.

O'Mara Finds This Much Is Left for Distribution.

Pittsburg, Feb. 25.—The first and partial account of Roger O'Mara, trustee in bankruptcy for Harry Kendall Thaw, now confined in the Mattewan hospital for the criminal insane, New York state, was filed with the referee, Blair Wednesday. After all items of expense are deducted, Mr. O'Mara states that \$30,000 remains for distribution to Thaw's creditors. A meeting of creditors will be held here March 8.

## FREE AND EASY BANKING

Aliens Patronize Many Unregulated Institutions

### REPORT OF COMMISSION

Most of These Bankers Are in Other Business—The Money Is Deposited Without Interest or Security.

Washington, Feb. 25.—More than 2,000 persons throughout the United States are engaged in what amounts to an unregulated banking business almost entirely outside of legal control, the customers being found wholly among immigrant laborers who, for the most part, do not speak English, according to a report on the subject of immigration banks transmitted to the Senate yesterday by Senator Dillingham of Vermont, chairman of the immigration commission.

The report shows that the only states which have established any effective control of the immigrant banking business are Massachusetts and New Jersey. These banks are for the most part engaged in business such as steamship agents, labor agents, saloon keepers, grocers or boardinghouse agents.

"So trustworthy and without security is this system," reads the report, "that through failure or by reason of dishonesty on the part of the less scrupulous among these bankers, the immigrant laborers who deal with them are annually mulcted of large sums."

A large majority of the immigrant bankers investigated, the report says, use the money of their patrons in the extension of their own business or for speculation in real estate or other securities, but in some cases the money is deposited in some regular bank and the interest accrues to the benefit of the immigrant banker. In practically all cases investigated, the immigrant banker pays no interest to his patrons.

The total amount annually sent abroad is estimated at \$175,000,000, for the purpose of supporting families in foreign countries, the payment of debts, for bringing other immigrants to this country, or for savings or investments in foreign lands. It has not been possible to estimate how much, if any, of this money might have been retained in the states, had better facilities been afforded.

## 5000 TROLLEY MEN ASK ADVANCE IN PAY

Demand to Be Made by Employees of Lines in Western Massachusetts; Daily Raise of 50 Cents Wanted.

Springfield, Mass., Feb. 25.—Nearly 5,000 employees of trolley lines in the Connecticut valley will shortly present a demand for an advance of 50 cents a day. The demand will probably be made before the middle of March, and if the increase is not granted, present indications point to a general strike and tie-up of all the street railway lines throughout the valley and at all central and western Massachusetts points except Holyoke and places north of that city.

The trolley men are getting a maximum of \$2.50 per day, and want a daily raise of 50 cents.

For weeks the trolley men's unions have been conferring at different points. Gradually the plans for making the demand and forcing it by threatened tie-up of the systems have been perfected, and only a few details need to be arranged before the unions will present their request.

The street railways to be included in the demand are all controlled by the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad.

### PUGILIST DEAD.

Skull Fractured in Bout in California.

Coalinga, Cal., Feb. 25.—Ginger Williams, a young heavyweight pugilist of Visalia, died Wednesday from the injuries he received in a prizefight with Kid Kenneth of Bakersfield. Williams was knocked through the ropes during the third round and his head struck a projecting board, fracturing the skull.

## Terrible Croup

My little boy, who is four years old, has suffered a lot with croup. On several occasions we thought he was gone. After trying all the old time remedies and most of the new, I came home one night at midnight, and my wife said, "The boy has the croup again—suppose you get a bottle of Hyomei."

"More junk," I said, "but we will circulate our money so they will all get some."

I hastened to an all night drug store, brought it home. In five minutes he was breathing easier. In fifteen minutes he was sound asleep. It broke the croup so quickly it scared me.

Anyone wishing to cure the croup of a child I hope will give Hyomei a trial. It is a safe, sure remedy, and it is a pleasure to recommend it.

Hyomei is a remarkably effective remedy in case of croup and it should be in every home where there is a croupy child. Full instructions how to cure croup come with each bottle.

## YOUR BACKACHE WILL YIELD

To Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

Bloomdale, Ohio.—"I suffered from terrible headaches, pain in my back and right side, and was tired all the time and nervous. I could not sleep, and every month I could hardly stand the pain. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound restored me to health again and made me feel like a new woman. I hope this letter will induce other women to avail themselves of this valuable medicine."—Mrs. E. M. FREDERICK, Bloomdale, Ohio.

Backache is a symptom of female weakness or derangement. If you have backache don't neglect it. To get permanent relief you must reach the root of the trouble. Nothing we know of will do this so safely and surely as Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. Cure the cause of these distressing aches and pains and you will become well and strong.

The great volume of unsolicited testimony constantly pouring in proves conclusively that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, made from roots and herbs, has restored health to thousands of women.

If you have the slightest doubt that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound will help you, write to Mrs. Pinkham at Lynn, Mass., for advice. Your letter will be absolutely confidential, and the advice free.

### "SOCKLESS JERRY."

Topeka Man's Odd Method of Securing Election.

It is generally believed that Jerry Simpson, once known over the United States as "Sockless Jerry," was the first Kansas politician to attract attention by his unique political methods. But substantially this is not true, for there is a Topeka man who was elected on a Shawnee county ticket by identical the same methods twenty-five years before Jerry Simpson ever was heard of outside his local neighborhood. That man is P. L. Bonebrake, widely known in the state as the organizer of the Central National bank of Topeka, for twenty-five years president of that institution, and with a previous political career full of years and honor.

The late Congressman Simpson's political enemies dubbed him "Sockless Jerry" in his initial political campaign, and the derisive term was adopted and used effectively by the man whom it was intended to harm. So in the case of Mr. Bonebrake. The committee which called upon him at his farm on the occasion which marked his introduction to Kansas politics reported him to be a "peculiar old fogey who didn't wear socks."

In spite of the unfavorable report of the committee, Bonebrake was placed on the county ticket and won.

It was in the year 1865, when the state of the county ticket for term of 1867 and 1868 was being drawn up, that the incident occurred which marks the first introduction of the "sockless" political methods in Kansas. The complete slate for the campaign had been drawn up, when it was discovered that the slate was too much a Topeka crowd.

It was decided that men outside the city ought to be included and one member of the county committee suggested that he knew a "Christian gentleman" living on a farm near Ash Grove, a city at that time of equal size and importance with Topeka. A committee of two was delegated to call upon the proposed candidate at his home.

The committee arrived at the Bonebrake farm in the morning on the day of the visit. Mr. Bonebrake was found at work in his fields riding a mowing machine. He was wearing a plaid shirt and trousers for those pioneer days. It seems, for the committee was not favorably impressed with his qualities, being more impressed with his appearance than anything he said. Upon the return of the two men to Topeka and in their report to the county committee they said they had met a "peculiar old fogey who wore a hairless hat and went without socks."

It is said that the two men also recommended that he be left off the ticket, but the committee decided that he was the man they needed on the slate. Consequently Bonebrake's name went on the county ticket that year as county clerk and he was elected. That was the beginning of his political career. He was subsequently re-elected to that office four times, and he left it to go to the state legislature. For the latter office he received every vote cast in his district, an honor of which few candidates for political offices are able to boast. Mr. Bonebrake is now the only officer on that pioneer county ticket living.—Kansas City Star.

### Silver Threads Amongst the Gold

"Daring, I am growing old, silver threads amongst the gold shine upon my brow today, life is fading, fast away. This runs one of the old outbursts. There is always a poet, sadness and regret attached to the coming of gray hair prematurely, as if the hand of time were ruthlessly checking off the pleasant hours of youth and laughter. Remedy after remedy has been exploited for the restoring of gray hair to its natural color, but the one that has stood the test of years and proved the most pleasant and reliable, is HAY'S HAIR HEALTH. This time-tested preparation removes where others fail. It is one of these safe and dependable remedies that it is a pleasure to recommend. HAY'S HAIR HEALTH restores gray hair by furnishing to the hair roots, the exact nourishment that restores and gives them new life and vigor. It is not a dye. It works pleasantly and effectively. All reliable druggists sell it for 50c and a dollar. Booklet containing further information on the 'Care of the Hair' will be forwarded for 2c by this Pile Ointment Co., 26 Clinton St., New York, N. Y., U. S. A. Red Cross Pharmacy.

## REBELS LOST 400 IN BATTLE

Capt. Fowler, American, Who Led Insurgent's Artillery

### IS AMONG THE WOUNDED

Hot Fighting at Tiptapa—Managua Reports Says the Rebels Fled in Disorder, Abandoning Guns and Ammunition.

Managua, Nicaragua, Feb. 25.—Captain Godfrey Fowler, who commanded General Chamorro's artillery, is reported to have been wounded in Tuesday's battle near Tiptapa. Fowler is an American and formerly was a member of the 33d Infantry, U. S. A.

The government's victory appears to have been complete. The insurgents thrice charged at a bridge over the Tiptapa, hurling their infantry against General Aguilar's battery of three Maxim guns with the fury of despair, but were unable to force a passage of the river and retired in disorder, abandoning 600 rifles, 1,500 cartridges and their baggage, and leaving their wounded upon the field. The whereabouts of General Chamorro is not known here.

The report of the government victory was received with great rejoicing here. The story of the fighting was told in a dispatch from General Rivas, who was in command of the troops that attacked the insurgents.

According to Rivas, the battle began early on Tuesday, the government forces assuming the offensive by an attack on Tiptapa, which had been occupied by the insurgents, who had mounted two Maxim guns. These guns, commanded by Captain Fowler, did great execution among the government forces, and for seven hours General Chamorro had the advantage.

At an opportune moment, Rivas was reinforced by the men under Chavarria. Soon afterwards, General Vasquez and General Aguilar came to the support of the government lines. Aguilar brought up the artillery and poured a hot fire into the ranks of the insurgent infantry. At sundown, the rebels withdrew toward Tiptapa, leaving their dead on the field.

The fighting was the most severe of the war thus far, 400 men being killed or wounded.

During the night, Chamorro reorganized his forces and attempted to capture the trenches occupied by General Rivas' troops at Tiptapa. The fighting lasted for four hours, when the insurgents were driven back. They retired in the direction of Satalito and it is thought they will join the division under General Mena.

## BEDELL GIVES CONGER STORY

Former Assemblyman, at Alldis Inquiry, Declares He Had No Such Conversation as the Senator Said He Had.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 25.—The defense in the Alldis bribery case yesterday called as its first witness former Assemblyman Louis Bedell of Goshen, Orange county. Mr. Bedell was mentioned by Conger last week as having made to him a proposition for amending the Stevens highway bill similar to that which was afterwards advised by Jean L. Burnett and adopted. Attorney Carr, for Alldis, explained that Mr. Bedell had asked for the opportunity to testify.

"I most positively did not have such a conversation as was related by Mr. Conger," said Mr. Bedell when he was given a chance to speak. He declared that he had no recollection of a discussion of the highway bridge bill in the rules committee of 1901, of which he was a member, and where the "prosecution" says Alldis used his influence to throttle this legislation.

George W. Doughty of Iowood, Long Island, absolutely denied the thirdhand statement attributed to the late Assemblyman, Jean L. Burnett, through Benn and Frank Conger that Doughty, as chairman of the internal affairs committee of 1901, would have to be "taken care of."

Doughty asserted that he had never been offered money or any other consideration for his influence. Doughty said Speaker Nixon had sent for him in regard to holding the Stevens bill in committee and that he told Nixon he must keep his promise to Conger.

### TRAMP "TOOK THE SAME."

Congressman Had Ordered "Two Highballs" Without Asking Him.

Washington, Feb. 25.—Representative Rucker of Colorado was in a strange town during the late campaign and wanted a drink. He has a constitutional objection to drinking alone and called a lobo, who was standing in front of the saloon to join him. They walked into the bar, and Mr. Rucker ordered two highballs. Then he thought he might have offended his companion and said:

"I beg your pardon; I neglected to ask you what you would like to have."

"What did you order?" asked the tramp.

"Two rye highballs," answered Mr. Rucker.

"That's all right; I'll take the same."

### PILES CURED IN 6 TO 14 DAYS

PAZO OINTMENT is guaranteed to cure any case of itching, blind, bleeding or protruding piles in 6 to 14 days or money refunded. 50c.

Be cheerful—there's a reason, more than one. Today in this store are some of the greatest clothing bargains ever named in Barre. You can purchase a

## Suit or Overcoat

at so low a price your disposition will be to make it two suits instead of one. All that's necessary is to have the disposition.

## Moore & Owens,

Barre's Leading Clothiers, 122 North Main Street, Barre, Vermont.

## ABDUL HAMID DISGORGES

Gives up \$75,000,000, Says War Minister

### EX-SULTAN'S HEALTH GOOD

The Bulgarian Monarch Is Visiting Russia—A Deficit of \$40,000,000 Is Faced Next Year by France.

New York, Feb. 25.—The Sun says: The Constantinople correspondent of the Neue Freie Presse has had an interview with the minister of war in regard to the condition of Abdul Hamid, the former sultan, who is now a prisoner at Salonica, and who has been reported as crazy and also as dying. The war minister stated that the health of the former sultan is perfectly satisfactory. His favorite wives are still with him. The stories about his return to Constantinople probably arose from the fact that three of his daughters, who are engaged to pashas, were brought to Constantinople for their marriage. The war minister said further that Abdul Hamid had renounced the Turkish exchequer his entire fortune of about \$75,000,000, retaining only a small sum for his own personal use.

### BULGARIAN RULERS IN RUSSIA.

Czar Ferdinand Visits Czar Nicholas

Turco-Bulgarian Trouble Rumored.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 25.—King Ferdinand of Bulgaria and his party have arrived at Tsarkoe-Selo, where they were the guests at a private dinner given by Emperor Nicholas. The state visit proper will begin to-day, when the visitors will come to the winter palace in St. Petersburg.

One of the taxes put forward is a ten per cent. duty on entrance fees at race courses, from which M. Coehery expects to raise \$300,000. The tax, if adopted by the chamber of deputies, is likely to meet with strenuous hostility from racers. Several racing clubs have already denounced the tax, declaring that it will be a crippling blow to them.

### Calling for the Navy.

When Blaine was seeking for president, Hackney was one of his most ardent champions. During the national convention in Chicago the Kansas delegation held a caucus to decide on which candidate it should support. Hackney was a member of the delegation and president over it. A motion was made to vote as a unit for Blaine. Hackney called for a rising vote for those in favor of the motion. After all voting in the affirmative had been counted he made this call for the negative: "Now all the d—d scoundrels stand up!"—Kansas City Journal.

### Ceresota Flour

Ceresota Bread makes growing children strong.

Health is true beauty. The charm of bright eyes, rosy cheeks, rounded figure, buoyant and elastic step is within the reach of every woman.

Reasonable care in diet, regular exercise and due amount of sleep with an occasional dose of

## Beecham's Pills

will keep most women in health. The timely use of these pills will strengthen the system, renew the supply of blood and relieve nausea and depression.

The beneficial effects of Beecham's Pills on the bowels, liver, stomach, blood and complexion, make them women's greatest aid to health and in a true sense

## Nature's Cosmetic

In boxes with full directions, 10c. and 25c.